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FM AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

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INFO AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN

AMCONSUL DURBAN

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SUBJECT: PROGS HIT THE ROAD

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

1. LOCAL PRESS REPORTS THAT PROGRESSIVE PARTY LEADER COLIN EGLIN LEAVING CAPE TOWN TODAY FOR VISIT TO BOTSWANA, ZAMBIA AND NIGERIA. ITINERARY INCLUDES MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT KHAMA ON JULY 16, WITH PRESIDENT KAUNDA ON JULY 18, AND HOPED-FOR MEETING WITH PRESIDENT GOWAN DURING NIGERIAN STAY (JULY 19-24.). EGLIN WILL BE JOINED BY PROG MP HELEN SUZMAN IN BOTSWANA WHO THEN PROCEEDING TO SWAZILAND FOR MEETING WITH PM DLAMINI ON JULY 17, IN LUSAKA, EGLIN WILL BE JOINED BY NEWLY-ELECTED MP VAN ZYL SLABBERT, WHO COMING FROM TALKS WITH CISKEI CHIEF MINISTER SEBE. VAN ZYL SLABBERT CONTINUING ON TO NIGERIA. IN MEANTIME, PROG MP RUPERT LORIMER IS OFF ON FACT-FINDING MISSION TO RHODESIA WHERE HE HOPES TO MEET WITH BOTH GOVERNMENT AND ANC REPS.

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WM PRESS COMMENTARY NOTES PROG EFFORT TO SEIZE INITIATIVE FROM

SAG AND UP IN BRIDGE-BUILDING WITH AFRICAN STATES AND THAT IT
FIRST MEETING OF KAUNDA WITH A LEADER OF A WHITE SA POLITICAL
PARTY. PRESS ALSO NOTES TIMELINESS OF VISIT IN VIEW UNCERTAINTIES
VIZ PORTUGUESE AFRICAN TERRITORIES.

3. COMMET. OVERSEAS VISITS FOLLOW ON GROWING INTERNAL EFFORT
AT DIALOGUE (WHICH ALSO BEING PURSUED BY UP). IN SPITE OF
HEADLINES AND SUCCESSES IN RECENT ELECTIONS, IT SHOULD BE BORNE
IN MIND THAT PROGS REMAIN VERY SMALL MINORITY PARTY WITH MINIMAN,
IF ANY , IMPACT ON GOVERNMENT POLICY.
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